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AutoAnalyzer 3 (AA3) HR Ortho-Phosphate in Seawater Study at 1 ppb (0.03 µmol as P)

The need for low level phosphate analysis is becoming increasingly important due to recent government regulatory changes. Low level ortho-phosphate in seawater was analyzed on the SEAL AA3 HR to show the reproducibility and the low detection levels of the results obtainable from this instrument. Two types of flowcell were tested. Below is a comparison of the 50 mm flow cell and 10 mm flowcell, using our LED light source.

Data and Statistics:

| | 50 mm flowcell (ppb as P) | 10 mm flowcell (ppb as P) |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 0.959 | 1.044 |
| | 1.015 | 1.106 |
| | 1.018 | 1.105 |
| | 1.040 | 1.112 |
| | 1.031 | 1.084 |
| | 1.013 | 1.111 |
| | 1.056 | 1.210 |
| | 1.113 | 1.095 |
| | 1.063 | 1.113 |
| | 1.019 | 1.053 |
| Average | 1.033 | 1.103 |
| Std Dev | 0.040 | 0.045 |
| %RSD | 3.887 | 4.066 |
| MDL | 0.111 ppb (0.004 μmol) | 0.124 (0.004 μmol) |

Calibration Curves:

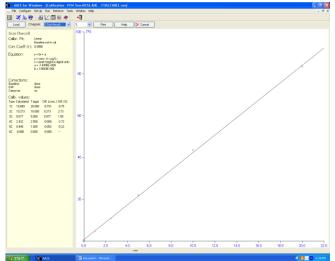


Figure 1: Calibration Curve 50 mm flowcell. Corr. Coeff.=0.9998

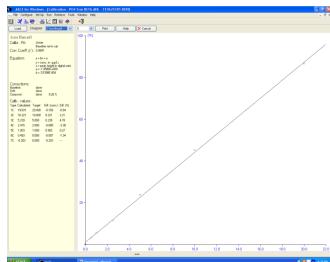


Figure 2: Calibration curve 10 mm flowcell. Corr. Coeff.= 0.9997



Screenshots of 1 ppb (0.03 µmol) replicates from AACE software:

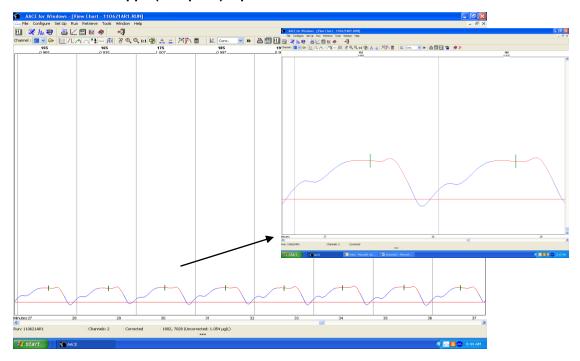


Figure 3: Replicates at 1 ppb (0.03 μ mol) PO₄ as P, 50 mm flowcell. Gain = 182

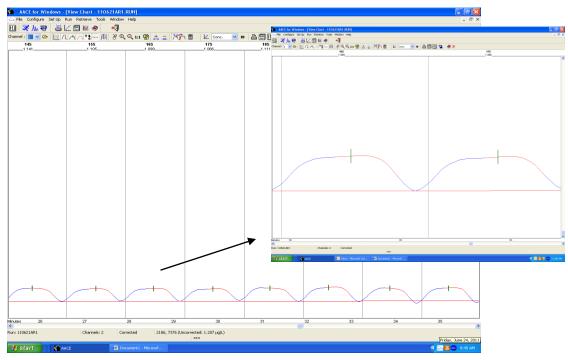


Figure 4: Replicates at 1 ppb (0.03 µmol) PO₄ as P, 10 mm flowcell. Gain = 955